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SUBJECT: PROTESTANT TERRORISTS ADD DOWNTOWN BOMBINGS

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1. BOMBERS CONTINUED TO SCORN SECURITY MEASURES DOWNTOWN BELFAST MAY 6. FOLLOWING ANONYMOUS TELEPHONE WARNING SEVERAL LARGE BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS EVACUATED AND THREE BOMBS FOUND AND DEFUSED BY ARMY. ONE BOMB EXPLODED IN CATHOLIC-OWNED RESTAURANT AND PUB AT LUNCHTIME BUT IT DISCOVERED IN TIME PERMIT SOME 200 DINERS GET CLEAR AREA. FACT BOMBS EXPLODED WITHOUT WARNING AND NATURE OF TARGET MAKE IT APPEAR BOMB PLANTED BY PROTESTANT TERRORISTS.

2. THOMAS PASSMORE BELFAST ORANGE ORDER GRAND MASTER HAS ADVANCED INTERESTING THEORY FOR PROVISIONAL IRA "PRESTIGE BOMBINGS" (REFTEL. IN CONTEXT LATEST BOMBING AT LISBURN, PASSMORE CLAIMS IT TARGETED BECAUSE MANY INHABITANTS MINORITY AREA OF ANDERSONSTOWN IN BELFAST SHOP IN LISBURN. PASSMORE SEES BOMBINGS DESIGNED TO KEEP CATHOLIC SHOPPERS IN CATHOLIC AREAS WHERE MANY OF THE BUSINESSES CONTRIBUTE TO PROVISIONALS AND WHERE SOME ENTERPRISES ARE OPERATED BY REPUBLICAN COOPERATIVES.

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PASSMORE STRONGLY DENIED BOMBINGS WERE "SENSELESS" AND

CLAIMED, ".REAL OBJECTIVES OF IRA.....SETTING UP OF UNITED
SOCIALIST REPUBLIC LIKE CUBA ON DOORSTEP OF EUROPE. EVERY
EXPLOSION, EVERY ASSASSINATION, EVERY SHOP DESTROYED BY FIRE,
EVERY MAN AND WOMAN PUT OUT OF A JOB, EVERY YOUNGSTER ENTICED
INTO DRUNKNESS IS PART OF THE OVERALL PLAN....."

3. CONGEN HAS NO STRONG BRIEF FOR PASSMORE THEORY BUT UNTIL
REAL EXPLANATION, IS DIVULGED, IF THERE IS ONE, THEORY JOINS
ANOTHER THAT HAS BOMBERS ACTING ON BEHALF INTERNATIONAL
SYNDICATE OF PROPERTY SPECULATORS ON LIST OF OTHER POSSIBLE
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